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President's Message

Hello everybody:

"Heat wave after heat wave, lots of rain and no meeting" This is how my husband described summer in Ontario so far. I sympathize with our members from the West, who had to endure snow and hail in July, and those in the Maritimes, where apparently it was quite cold for a while. Here in Ontario, we sunburned!

And most of us are suffering from meetings withdrawal, be the RCNA, the ANA or your had-to-be-postponed nephew's wedding. Let us hope that this life-on-hold situation will end soon.

On behalf of all CAWMC members, a big welcome to Ann Socolofsky from Topeka Kansas. I hope that you will enjoy our publication and that we'll meet you up here at one of our meetings!

James Williston, our vice-president, owner of Canada Wide Woods, is preparing a "I survived COVID" die, use of which will be free of charge for our members. Please contact James (address at left) for more details.

Has anyone made 2020 convention woods? What do you plan to do with them? Please let us know. Collectors enjoy rarities and will treasure mementos of "the convention that didn't happen".

In this issue, you will find a variety of articles, such as Chips from the woodpile chronicle, CNBSL 40th anniversary woods issued by members. Take a look, as each wood says a lot, or not, about the issuers. The 2019 Scarborough CC anniversary wood and one issued by the Preston Bowling Centre are also discussed.

Have a great month of August everyone.
Don't forget to wear your masks, whether you go grocery shopping, church or ... at last...
you go hug your grand-kids.

Stay safe

France



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Featured Wood of the Month of August 2020



The featured Wood of the Month is created and produced by Dave and Carolyn Gillespie, in commemoration of the unusual time we are living in and as a reminder of the first and only RCNA convention and CAWMC AGM ever cancelled. Please read on:

We were looking forward to travelling to Halifax for our second visit to take in the R.C.N.A. Convention, the CAW.MC Breakfast Meeting and the sight seeing tours and were very disappointed when the discussion was made for cancellation as a result of COVID-19. The wood that we have made for members is not only a reminder of the pandemic but also to confirm that CAWMC will not be held back with the making and issuing of new woods. Stay Safe Everyone ...

Dave & Carolyn Gillespie



Yes, it is a teaser...

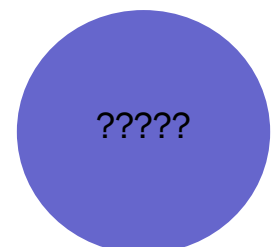
The CAWMC Board of Directors has approved a new program aimed at increasing your (yes, your's...) participation to our club's newsletter.

The formal details of the program will be announced in the September issue, unless some out-of-our-control event occurs, in which case it will be simply pushed back a bit.

But it's happening!

Start writing... the collector in you will be very happy!

Your editor.



Chips from the Woodpile By Dave Gillespie

In 1981 Wooden money collecting was in high demand as three regional chapters of C.A.W.M.C. were being set up in Calgary & District, Southern Ontario, and the Maritimes. There would be informal meeting but no dues and no officers.

The Independent Order of Oddfellows in Lacombe, Alberta sold raffle tickets at \$2.00 each on a 1981 Cougar XR7 and the lucky winner also received a voucher for \$500.00 in gas. In appreciation of your raffle ticket purchase and support each ticket holder received a souvenir a wooden nickel in red or black (catalogue # 8515-01 or 8515-02).



Wooden money collectors were becoming frustrated back in 1982 as they attempted to trade between themselves. The frustration was based on the increases in postage costs especially when a wood was offered for sale through Timber Talk at 50 cents. It meant that you spent 30 cents for stamps on your envelope out and another 30 cents on your S.A.S.E. for the reply, bringing the cost to \$1.10 plus envelopes and paper. The hobby was becoming more expensive and collectors weren't liking it!!!

An article warned members to take a good look at the woods they were receiving. McKenzie Recreational Vehicles of Thornhill, Ontario had issued 10 different ones – some with names in capitals, some with different obverses, some with wide spacing and some narrow. So the warning sent out was to check each wood very carefully.

Members were also told to look closely at the wooden tokens issued by John M. Kitchen of Jack's Stamp Farm, Route 6, Woodstock, Ontario as there were two different reverses.



The Prescott wooden nickel, while issued by the Chamber of Commerce, was printed by the local newspaper, The Prescott Journal, on wooden blanks made by Elliott Brothers, a local lumber dealer and cabinet manufacturer. The first issue, 500 pieces, sold out quickly and the second issue, presumably the same quantity had odd letters of the alphabet printed on some.

Chips ...

The letters would spell the word "PEACE" and if redeemed the Chamber of Commerce would offer a new one dollar bill to any person who could assemble all five to spell the word. None were redeemed even though the reward was increased to \$25.00.

In early 1983, Membership chairman, Don Robb was concerned that more than 55 members from 1982 and at least 30 others from earlier years had not renewed. It was reported in the April newsletter that the number of paid members was now at 137.

Guess What ??? Even with membership down (as reported above) another All Wooden Money Show was being planned for June 3rd, 4th and 5th at the Best Western Motel in Niagara Falls, Ontario with special room rates for the event.

AND in the issue published for May of 1983, Timber Talk announced that our current President and Bulletin Editor, France Waychison became a new member. Thank you France for joining the organization and for all your hard work, dedication and devotion to the hobby in general and to C.A.W.M.C..

Now for another Tom Hudson quiz question:

- 1. What C.A.W.M.C. member issued a wooden nickel upon receiving his B.A. degree from the University of Toronto in 1977?*

Til next time Let the Chips lie where they fall. Dave Gillespie



Answer to the Chips Quiz Question from June 2020:

Q: In what year did Edmonton hold it's first Coin Show ?

A: July 1962



40th Anniversary of The Club des Numismates du Bas St-Laurent woods

By France D. Waychison

The Club des Numismates du Bas St-Laurent (CNBSL) celebrated their 40th Anniversary in 2019.



Bas St-Laurent area in dark blue

The club organized 2 week-ends of celebrations, a first in May, where guest presenters met the members on the Saturday, prior to a public show/exhibition on Sunday. The club repeated the experience in November, where presenters, anniversary banquet and show/exhibition also took place.



In May, the club issued 2 woods. One, the Scrooge wood (Picsou, the mascot of the celebrations), was described in the July issue of Timber Talk. The second type distributed, bearing the text: 1979 CNBSL 2019/40 ans/au service des membres (40 years/serving members) on one side and the club's logo on the other, was also launched that week-end. The remainder of the 2 woods were distributed at the November celebrations.



The Canadian dollar of 1911 was used as CNBSL logo from 1979 to 1984. Upon celebrating its 5th anniversary, the club decided on a new logo, designed by Diane Levesque. Yvon Marquis, founder of the CNBSL reports: *"The goal was to have a logo that represented the Bas St-Laurent region. So what could be better than grouping the sea, a boat, a lighthouse and trees, all representing the maritime and forestry aspect of the region. The lighthouse also refers to the knowledge that guides members in their hobby."*

The club also offered its members to issue their own personalized woods, using the Club's logo on one side. The members could then exchange wood for wood or give/sell them. Eight members took advantage of this offer. 50 woods of each kind were issued. Their current availability is unknown. All the anniversary -related CNBSL woods were produced by Canada Wide Woods.

What struck me about the personalized woods is how much or how few information each wood carries, at the choice of each individual member. Here are those woods, as described or explained to me by those issuers:

YVON MARQUIS / CNBSL #001 / FONDATEUR (founder)

Yvon is the founder of the CNBSL. The wood does not say that Yvon is also the founder of "l'Institut Québécois de Numismatique" and editor of its bi-monthly publication *Le numismate francophone*. Yvon is also a past -President of the RCNA (from Ed: and very modest about all his contributions to numismatics)



WOODS ISSUED BY MEMBERS OF THE CNBSL



Left: CARMEN & BERTRAND (BRISSON) /
Motif: ANCHOR/ LE FISTOT

Carmen and Bertrand love to sail. They have a boat named "Fistot" which is the French name for a first year officer at Navy School

Right: MARCEL BRILLANT /
Motif: BEAR / 418-739-4511 / #390 / MONNAIE COLLECTION

Marcel Brillant's nick name has always been l'OURS (the bear). He says it represents him very well. Marcel included his phone number, member number, and his number one hobby: coin collecting.



Left: FRANCE D WAYCHISON /
Motif: BUTTERFLY / LAISSEZ LE BON TEMPS ROULER

My regular wood design and my husband's and my motto.

Right: Motifs: MOOSE , FISH, PLANE/
BONA (ARSENAULT) 2019 / 70 ans (Years old) /
Motif: CARROT, THREE DOLLAR SIGNS

By now you all know that BONA turned 70 in 2019 and that he likes hunting, fishing, travelling, putting around in his garden and collecting coins!



Left: NORMAND BEAULIEU /
419 / SÉBEK-2019

Normand lives in SAYABEC, in the Matapedia Valley. SAYABEC is pronounced SÉBEK- (saybek). Normand, member 419 at CNBSL, decided to simplify our lives and spare our tongues!

Right: LOUIS-RÉGIS CÔTÉ /
CNBSL 414 / SAINTE-PAULE

Louis-Régis, is CNBSL member 414 and lives in Sainte-Paule, a village in the Matapedia Valley.



Left: JASMIN LAVOIE /
CNBSL #411 / ANC LM #450 / CPMS LM#106 / CCCCT# 991 /
Motif: FISCLE / Motif: BEAVER / NUMISMATE

Jasmin is a pharmacist and lives in Matane. He is an active member of many numismatic clubs and organisations. Jasmin illustrated his wood with a mortar and pestle and with a beaver, as "Matane" is a Mi'kmaq word *mtctan* meaning "beaver pond". The beaver also appears on the town's Coat of Arms.

Scarborough Coin Club 2019 Anniversary Wood

Submitted by : David Bawcutt

The Scarborough Coin Club (SCC) 44th Anniversary wood was on sale at the Club's 23rd Annual Coin Show on November 2, 2019. The Club made 100, 1 ½" diameter, red foil stamped two sides and the supplier used a new type of blank to have less spoilage and a better looking wood. This is the 65th wood issued by the SCC consisting of 3 special, 1 error, show and anniversary woods. There are 24 issues that are sold out and various quantities available of the other issues. There is a set of 41 woods for sale by the Club.

I joined the SCC in the early 1980's and you received an anniversary wood each year when you paid your annual dues. My design of the CN Tower was selected for the special wood issued in 1984 for Toronto's 150th birthday. I have a complete set of the Club woods starting with the 5th anniversary in 1980.

Next in 1991 I joined the Ontario Numismatic Association and attended their annual conventions which included a CAWMC Southern Ontario Chapter meeting. Members would freely give out woods and the draw would also include woods for prizes. Over the years I collected Club, individual, company, events and my own woods. I even keep the CAWMC membership cards which show I have been a member for 20 years. The first wood I got made was for my parent's 50th wedding Anniversary. Since I enjoy woodworking I have made some of my own woods using rubber stamps.

Most collectors have a plan on what they want to collect and are willing to educate others. This can be a lifelong hobby and your objective may change over time. At the SCC monthly meetings junior members get to select five free woods which most of them were donated by Norm Belsten. We all try to encourage our youth to join the hobby.





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- **Canadian Residents:** \$10, Cdn. Funds
- **Youth** (16 years old and under) \$5 Cdn. Funds
- **U.S. A. Residents:** \$10 U.S. Funds
- **International Members Rate (outside Cda. - U.S.A.):** \$20 Cdn. Funds

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Preston Bowling Centre

by Judy Blackman, CAWMC Life Member, FONA, KStE



This 1975 38 mm round wood (5675-019) is rarity rating 1, has black ink on both sides, and had a whopping 10,000 produced. The obverse has the insignia for the Ottawa Police and below it indicates it is a "Wooden Nickle U.S.A." The reverse reads "PRESTON BOWLING LANE 1 Person 1 Free Game Open Bowling OTTAWA". Per Norm Wells wooden catalogue, "Mr. Dan Mahoney, owner and manager of the Preston Bowling Center, 351 Preston Street, in Ottawa, had these wooden tokens issued as a joint venture with the "Safety Patrol Officers" of the Ottawa Police Dept. who visited the many Public Schools in Ottawa. After the Officers had given their slide and presentation talk to the children, one of these wooden tokens was given to each student, which entitled them to a free game at the Bowling Alleys."

Dan Mahoney won the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association's Proprietor of the Year Award for 1975.

After 1980 a re-urbanization of Preston Street began. The district changed and was overtaken by condos, restaurants, and office buildings. The Preston Bowling Centre property became a victim of the re-urbanization. In 1980 Ottawa's bowling popularity heyday also hit its peak. As a result, the Preston Bowling Centre could not continue at its location, and the business was sold and moved to Merivale Bowling Centre at 1916 Merivale Road in Ottawa. Prior to that, the Preston Bowling Centre had 104 leagues total and 14 weekly leagues.

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PRESTON BOWLING CENTRE
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Ottawa, Ont. K1S 4M5.
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From the 1990s into early 2000s there was a significant decline in bowling alleys in Ontario. It was only around 2014 that bowling became fashionable again, with different type of games, such as Cosmo, Fluorescent, No Lights, etc. types of bowling, all with auto-scoring systems.